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The stated mission of the CALFED Program is to restore the ecological health and improve the water management for the beneficial uses of the Bay-Delta System. As we look at the size and scope of the proposed solution area in regards to the CALFED Bay-Delta Program, we question the reason for the solution area extending northward to the Oregon border and southward to the Mexican border. It appears that this is merely a government tactic to lay claim to our water and use it for the benefit of urban development. As the old saying implies, "He who controls the water controls the land."

It appears that the result of the CALFED Plan will be one of water transfers, conservation for farmers only, and the taking of productive farm ground out of production. How does CALFED plan to compensate landowners for the farm ground taken out of production? This reshuffling of water supply does nothing to solve the long term water shortage that is forthcoming within the state.

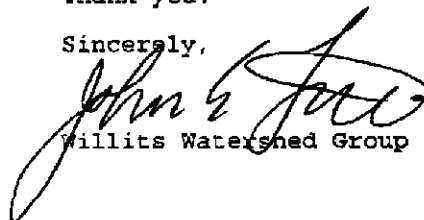
Prior to any implementation of any CALFED program, we strongly believe that the CALFED regulators need to seriously address stricter curbs on urban development along with a substantial increase in water storage.

We do not believe that the EIS/EIR has fully addressed the above concerns, but most important, we question the legal validity of the EIS/EIR when it has failed to address the Native American's sovereign rights in regards to water uses and ownership.

For the above-mentioned reasons, we strongly suggest that CALFED extend the time for public comment for at least another 90 days. We would also like to see another round of public meetings, and at least two of them scheduled for the North Coast, preferably Eureka and Ukiah.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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